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ISSUE FOR JANUARY 2023

PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk:- Gill Mason - 07882 949110. E-mail - catonparishcouncil@gmail.com

COUNCILORS - At its December meeting, the Parish Council co-opted Mr Hilson Carter as a councillor

FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE ARTLEBECK BY CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL - Thank you to Lancashire's Public Rights of Way Department for getting the damaged footbridge replaced.

SIGNS ON THE GREENWAY - How smart the green painted village signs pointing up from the Greenway (Millennium Way) look now! Thanks to Cath at Made in Wray for doing the work.

BUS SHELTER REPAIRS - have been carried out - thank you to Chris Lennon for his work on the bus stops and the benches in the villages.

PLAY PARK REPAIRS.-The PC is still waiting for prices for supplying and spreading new Cushionfloor and for carrying out essential repairs.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - At its December meeting the Parish Council supported taking the Neighbourhood Plan to Referendum. This will be organised by Lancaster City Council and we'll let you know the date and other details when we have them.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS - Thank you to everyone who made this event possible. Especially all the people who organised the crafts and brought baking, the Victoria Institute for use of their rooms, and the Parish Council and councillors for providing the tree and getting it put up and lit so beautifully.

And Caton Garage and Caton Methodist Church for the star!

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 10th January in the Victoria Institute at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may raise matters of local concern in the Open Forum at the start of the meeting.

CATON GALA

Happy New Year.

As you are aware, Caton Gala 2023 will take place on the 20 th May 2023 at Elm Grove Field, Caton.

The theme will be "Kings and Queens". Behind the scenes preparations continue and further details will be announced as events and attractions are confirmed.

The next meeting will take place at 8:00 PM on Thursday the 5 th of January 2023 at the Station Hotel, Caton. All are welcome to attend.

PAINTING GROUP

Happy New Year.

The painting group will meet on 12th & 26th January from 1.30-3.30pm at the Lune valley Methodist Hub. Everyone is welcome whatever level of skill. We ask for a donation of £2 to cover costs. Tea/coffee provided.

For more information contact Ruth 01524 770605

COST OF LIVING EVENT

Key organisations which can help you find financial support and other assistance include:

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6.30 pm: *Evening Service*

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See BMC news for this
month's dates

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*Sundays except 1st Sunday of
month*
1st Wednesday of the month.
Holy Communion 10.00am

Brookhouse Community Church

held @ Victoria Institute
10.45 am
*Morning Service & Junior
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Manchester on Thursday November 17 th. This was the best attended trip of the year and although it poured with rain, we all had a fantastic day around the Christmas markets and shops.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 19 th January at the Station Hotel, Caton at 10.00am. Membership is £10.00 for the year and trips in 2023 are now £15.00 to members and £18.00 for non-members. If anyone would like to join, please give me a call.

Wishing readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all our members. Ally Whitfield (01524 770827/07738 912923)

CATON LEISURE CLUB

Everyone is invited to join our group for talks (see below) on a variety of interesting topics Included in the cost for members of £1. 50, non- members £3.00, (Annual membership £5.00) is the talk tea/coffee and biscuits, and of course friendship.

We meet at the Victoria Institute Caton for a 1030 start and usually finish at about 1215

Do please come along. You will be most welcome

January

9th: David Fisher - Bowland Bat Research

16th: Christopher Robson - The Seekers

23rd: Shaun Lewis - Shackleton` Endurance Expedition

30th: Steve Halliwell - One Man`s View of Abbotsbury Sub Tropical Gardens

Due to unforeseen circumstances on some occasions the speaker may change at short notice

Chair Based Exercise continue throughout the year every Monday 09.00-10.00

Bowling continues either outdoor or indoor Please contact David for further information

Tel 01524 812342

BURNS NIGHT – FRIDAY 20th JANUARY

At the time of going to print we have only 4 tickets remaining for this great night to have fun and raise money for our Twinning Group - 7pm on Friday 20th January. Please contact tricia@marybankfarm.uk

DEFIBRILLATOR

Attention all groups, schools and any events held by residents of the village. A mobile defibrillator is available for you to borrow at no charge to take on trips, visits or sporting events, thanks to The Cottam Trust. In the event of a Cardiac Arrest the device could save a life and sadly anyone, of any age and fitness, can be taken ill like this. There is a switch on the device to change between adult and paediatric. The device is easy to use as it tells you what to do and cannot be used incorrectly. Please contact tricia@marybankfarm.uk if you would like to borrow it.

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A new teaching session dedicated to beginners every Tuesday during February, 10:30 to 11:00am

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Any questions contact Anne: 01524 811052 or Margaret: 07855635429

AUCTION OF UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

Have you ever received a Christmas present which was totally unsuitable? If so, why not bring it to the WI's auction in the Victoria Institute on Thursday 5 th January when it might be something that someone else has always wanted. Even if you haven't anything to bring for the auction you are welcome to come and join in the fun – you might even bag a bargain!

After a brief discussion of WI business, refreshments will be served before the auction starts at about 8pm. There will be no charge. Ruth Gibbons, President Caton WI

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

We had a very nice turn out on a bitterly cold evening in December for our festive season evening. We hope all enjoyed the activities on offer, thank you to Philip for his evergreen shrub quiz and that you enjoyed the wine and goodies.

And of course many thanks to the members who provided decorations for our winning decorated tree at the Quernmore Christmas Tree festival. It is still on show in the church if you missed it earlier. How are we going to follow that next year?

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Books for Sale - Duplicate and books that we just don't have space for are available to buy for a small donation

Library Christmas Quiz - Collect a quiz sheet for a chance to win a tub of Quality Street, to be drawn on 15th December

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Special rates are available for extended functions, please see the Schedule of Charges on our website.

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ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT FLOODING? - Floodsax are available for sale from the Victoria Institute. The cost is £30.00 for a pack of five. Please contact Peter for more information.

EMERGENCY CENTRE - The Victoria Institute is our village's Emergency Centre. If there are problems such as flooding, long periods without mains water, or power cuts, the Victoria Institute will be staffed and you'll be able to get practical help and information.

GET IN TOUCH - For all queries, including hiring the Victoria Institute please contact: -

Peter Collins the Community Centre Manager at the Institute on 01524 771733

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SATURDAY LITTER PICK

A group of residents get together on the first Saturday of every month to pick up litter and tidy the villages. The meeting place is outside the Victoria Institute at 10.00 am, weather permitting. You decide how much time and whereabouts in the village needs some attention. Half an hour or an hour can – and does – make such a difference. If you have seen an area which would benefit from a tidy up, please contact Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute (771733) and he will pass the message on to us. Bags and litter pickers are provided, and it is a good idea to bring your own gloves.

Next session: **Saturday 7th January**

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CATON ST PAUL'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The build up to Christmas has been incredibly busy and enjoyable at Caton St Paul's, with children and staff taking part in a range of activities both in and out of school.

Pre-school, Reception and Key Stage 1 children performed 'Boogie Woogie Nativity' and it was lovely to see them singing and acting with such confidence. The Key Stage 2 carol concert at St Paul's Church was magical and reminded us how joyous the Christmas period is.

Our choir have been out-and-about in the community, spreading joy and music to all. They have performed at the pastoral service at Church, the coffee morning in the Church hall and the Churches together carol service for the village. Our commitment to performing arts continues to inspire children.

As part of our commitment to community fundraising, we collected for the foodbank at Christmas. All of our children took part in the Elf Run to raise money for St John's Hospice - this was followed by a well attended coffee morning for our families. The icy conditions didn't stop each of our children completing 1 mile around our cinder track! Children also enjoyed our Christmas fair where they played traditional games and even had a special visit from the big man....! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our PTA raffle.

Our ethos group have planned and led an RE lesson for our youngest children. This was beautiful and showcased how well our children work together to fulfil our vision, 'One family, belonging, believing and learning together.' They also planned and led worship for the rest of the school.

Our KS1 athletics team emerged victorious from their event at Carnforth High School and the Y5/6 athletics team finished 2nd at Lancaster and Morecambe College. We continue to offer a range of sporting opportunities for all children in school.

We continue to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all of our children. If you are interested in finding out more about what life at Caton St Paul's is like, please have a look at the class pages on our website, or follow us on Facebook - this is where we post all of the exciting events that happen at school.

The deadline for applying for a school place is fast approaching. We are a school that provides a caring, vibrant environment for all children, no matter what their background or additional need. We are a larger school that has a small school, family feel - all children are made welcome here and encouraged to reach their potential both in and out of the classroom. If you think we might be the place for your child to begin their educational journey, please ring 01524 770241 to book a tour of our school.

TIDDLEYWINKS TODDLER GROUP

Tiddleywinks toddler group, all hip and happening on Thurs **5th Jan 2023** 10 -11.30 at the Church Hall, Brookhouse.

You've stuffed yourself on turkey; quality street and mincepies so come to Toddlers for a good workout; some fresh fruit; and a lovely (sometimes!) cup of coffee made by Jim the Helper.

Happy New Year from the slightly heavier Elaine; Jim and Mary

LITTLE STARS TOTS GROUP

We usually meet every Wednesday in the month. We are back first Weds of term, which is 11th January.

We meet in St Peter's, Quernmore at any time from 8.45 -11.00. All welcome.

CRAFTY TOTS

Crafty Tots is a fortnightly toddler group held in Caton Baptist Church. Sessions start at 9-30am until 10-30am and are open to pre school, children from the age of 18 months +. Come and join us for crafts, stories and singing with a brew for the mums (and dads). For more information or to book your child's place please email catoncraftytots@gmail.com

The cost is £2-50 per session. The dates for January are the 13th and 27th.

LUNCH CLUB

45 of us met at the Ship for Lunch club in December. Happy Christmas to everyone in lunch club.

I apologise to people who came. I was confused and eventually realised that I was ill with pneumonia.

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Look forward to meeting everyone early next year.

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CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

As always in a primary school, December has been a very busy but thoroughly enjoyable month.

At the beginning of the month, our Year 2 children took part in a Lune Valley schools athletics event and were delighted to bring home bronze medals. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils also benefited from Young Leader training, gaining this valuable qualification and enabling them to confidently lead games.

Our school's Arts Mastermind competition was very successful with children from age 4 to 11 choosing to learn more about certain artists or musicians. Some were so inspired by their research on Chas Jacobs that they went to meet him in person at his exhibition at the Ashton Memorial where they were able to pick up some hints and tips from the man himself!

Our school choir has been busy entertaining the public. They sang at the Quernmore Christmas Tree Festival with pupils from Quernmore School. It was lovely for the schools to come together. The choir also brought some Christmas cheer to the residents of Hillcroft Nursing Home.

Our Key Stage 2 music concert was well attended by parents and gave the children the opportunity to demonstrate their fantastic musical skills. There were performances from solo singers and musicians, the choir, the School Band and Year 3 and 4 who all played the keyboard.

Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children's production of 'The Big Little Nativity' was a real treat! There were some stellar performances as the children all played their individual parts brilliantly and sang with gusto. We even took our nativity 'on tour' this year, performing at the Victoria Institute for the village leisure club Christmas luncheon.

Other Christmas festivities included carol singing outside the Co-op; a whole school trip to the pantomime at The Dukes; two Christmas parties; and of course our whole school Christmas lunch which was a huge success, thanks to the marvellous efforts of our school cook, Mrs Jarvis. We finished the term with a family Christmas service at Caton Baptist Church. Thank you to Alan and David for making us feel so welcome.

The PTA Christmas Fair and Christmas prize draw took place on 15th December and it was a wonderful community event. Highlights included a visit from Father Christmas and the Year 5/6 games room. In teams, the children had made some brilliant games incorporating lights and motors as part of a DT / science project. Thank you to everyone who supported the fair and to our hard working PTA without whom these events would not be possible. The next PTA event is a Burns Night which will take place on 27th January. Further information is available from the school office.

The closing date for applications for Reception in September 2023 is 15th January. It's not too late to have a private tour of the school - come and see what we can offer if you're still undecided! If you're as passionate as we are about wider opportunities such as the Performing Arts, the outdoors (we have our very own forest!), sport and visiting new places (we even go to France!), we could well be the place for your child. Our children also achieve high standards academically, with a large proportion passing the entrance examinations each year for the Lancaster grammar schools.

Our large, detached sports hall continues to be available for hire. It has a fully-equipped kitchen, stage, and pleasant meeting room. For further details, contact the school office (01524 770104).

The staff and families of Caton Primary School would like to wish the whole community a very happy and peaceful Christmas and every good wish for 2023.

SATURDAY SOCCER AND NETBALL

The local churches are continuing to run Saturday Soccer and Netball at Caton Primary School Field/Sports Hall on Saturday mornings, 10.00am to 11.45am

Soccer is open to children aged 7 to 14. Soccer will run weekly from Saturday 7 January to 25 March but not on 11 and 18 Feb (half term).

Netball is open to children aged 9 to 13. The netball dates are 7 Jan, 21 Jan, 4 Feb, 25 Feb, 11 March and 25 March. £2 per person, per session

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ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Hall on the 4th of January 2023 at 10.30. The money raised will go to further development of the Church Hall.

As usual there will be a raffle, a quiz, as well as stalls displaying a range of produce at reasonable prices. The Coffee Morning gives people the opportunity to meet friends and neighbours for a chat. You are most welcome to join us for a coffee, tea or cold drink as well as biscuits.

The December Coffee Morning was a great success and raised £152 for the Church Funds. As well as mince pies, cakes and sherry we were entertained by St Paul's School Choir who sang several carols. Thanks go to them and to everyone who attended and supported this event.

WARM WELCOMES

Several village organisations are offering places where residents can come to keep warm and socialise if they wish. Caton Baptist Church every Tuesday 2-4pm with hot drinks provided. Lune Valley Methodist Hub every Wednesday 2-4.30pm, with tea and toast. And you are welcome to come into the Victoria Institute and use the Cottam Room and the Library/IT Room when it is staffed - usually Monday 10-12 and 1-3, Tuesday 10-12, Wednesday 10-12 and 1-3, Thursday 10-12.

WARM SPACE

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2 - 4pm Caton Baptist Church will be open as a warm space for you to come and enjoy a cuppa and informal chat. Please come and stay the whole time or come and go as you please but you are very welcome.

B4RN HYPERFAST BROADBAND

If you're new to the village and aren't aware of B4RN Community fibre broadband then please check out b4rn.org.uk If you're in an existing long-term contract with another provider with less than 12 months to run, you'll be able to get B4RN for £5 a month until that contract runs out with B4RN's Connect+. Note that your Connect+ application MUST be approved before you go live as you can't apply retrospectively.

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JANUARY 14th - 4-6 miles April and John.

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Phone Jenny Herd for details of walks 015242 - 21690

HORNBY PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

Dominoes Evenings will be held on alternate Saturdays on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at 7 p.m. Those evenings being on January 7th and 21st No previous experience of the game is needed and everyone is welcome.

Coffee morning - There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 14th January 10 A.M. until Noon. Come along for a chat and meet up with old friends. Enjoy a morning of chatter and banter and generally catch up on all the local news and views, in a warm atmosphere, with a welcome coffee and biscuit.

LUNE VALLEY PROBUS CLUB - HORNBY

Following Christmas break our first meeting of 2023 will be on Monday January 16th when Adrian Taylor - will tell us all about The Grand Theatre Lancaster. This is one of the oldest theatres in England and the third oldest in Britain, having been in near continuous use since 1782..

Please remember, partners, friends and guests are always welcome at our meetings and we wish you all a joyous Christmas and a peaceful New Year. For further details or any information on this or other Lunesdale Probus Club matters please contact - Roger Carter. Hon.Secretary; Lunesdale Probus Club. 015242 22283

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CATON ST PAUL'S

10am service every Sunday in January. There will be no All Age Worship on New Years Day. Sunday Club meets at 10am on the following 4 Sundays. Meet in church at 10am before leaving to go to the newly decorated Church Hall.

Prayer group meets on the Third Saturday, please contact Daphne for more information

Advance Notice - on Wednesday 1st February we are looking forward to the licensing of our new vicar Rev Helen Scamman.

CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service: 10:30am We will worship at Caton apart from Sunday 22nd January, when we will be at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub, Brookhouse. Everyone very Welcome

Saturday Soup: Saturday 14th January. 12:30pm. Meet up with friends for soup & homemade cakes. £3.00 per person

Crafts @ Caton: Thursday 26th January between 10-12pm. Bring your craft items and have a chat over coffee

Bible Study Live and via Zoom. Fortnightly 7pm is held at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub with Rev Emma. Wednesday 11th and 25th January. And also by zoom.

We would like to wish everyone all the best for Christmas and the New Year

If you would like to contact Rev Emma Holroyd - Emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk

LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB - Brookhouse

Sunday Service 22nd January - Rev Emma Holroyd

10am - Short time of Prayer and reflection

10:30am - Sunday Service finishing with refreshments

Free Tea and Toast - Every Wednesday between 2 - 4:30pm - all ages welcome 'Creating a Warm Space'.

Book and Jigsaw Exchange - Saturday 21st January - 10am-12pm. With Coffee and biscuits choose a book or jigsaw, any donations go to charity

Bible Study Live and via Zoom - Wednesday 11th and 25th January 7-8pm with Rev Emma and also via zoom

'Caton and Friends for Ukraine' continue to meet each 1st and 3rd Saturday afternoons between 2-4pm, For coffee, Cake, English lessons and children's activities.

Everyone is very welcome to any of the above events

If you would like to hire the building, please contact circuit@northlancsmethodist.org.uk or visit www.northlancsmethodist.org.uk for prices

If you would like to contact Rev Emma Holroyd - Emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk

CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wandsworth - Tel 01524 771371

Church Website - catonbaptist.org

More details on our website and Facebook page.

We continue to meet for worship on Sundays at 10.30am and 6.30pm. Sunday School during the morning service. We also have crèche facilities available during the morning service.

Please also remember if you would like to know more about becoming a Christian and finding new hope in Jesus, or if you have any concerns and worries and would like prayer or a chat you can contact Alan on the above number.

Ladies Fellowship - We are a friendly group of ladies who meet once a fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. Our speakers always bring a devotional message and we enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits afterwards. All ladies from the village and further afield are welcome to join us and transport can be arranged if you need a lift.

The dates for January are - 11th Mervin and Lucy France and 25th Judy Aitken.

We look forward to seeing you.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Caton Baptist Church will be celebrating their Church Anniversary on the 4th - 5th February, we are looking forward to a visit of Roger Carswell - an introduction to the Christian Faith. On Saturday starting 7-30pm followed by refreshments. The Sunday services at the usual times 10-30am and 6-30pm.

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Lancashire Emergency Help and Information: 0300 123 6780

Environment Agency Floodline - 0345 988 1188 - To report a flood or if your property is at risk of flooding from a reservoir, river or stream.

United Utilities - 0345 6723 723 - If flooding is from sewers or burst water mains.

To report a power cut or get updates when your electricity has been cut off, dial 105.

For action on blocked drains and gutters: Lancashire Flood Risk Team/Highways – 0300 123 6780

Flooding – Floodsax are available from the Victoria Institute.

Emergency centre for the village – Victoria Institute.

Our Community Emergency Coordinators can open the Institute in an emergency and give you access to Floodsax. They also have details of some local people with useful equipment they are prepared to use to help in an emergency.

Up-to-date information Try Facebook – Caton Village and Linking Caton and Brookhouse are likely to be useful. And post your own updates there to help others.

Community Emergency Contacts –people marked * hold a key for the Victoria Institute

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Peter Collins *	45 Low Mill, Caton, LA2 9HY	Home: 771658 Work: 771733	07964 537277
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